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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PAPER CHARGES US ESPIONAGE

REFS: A) PRAGUE 2547 B) PRAGUE 2558; C) STATE 235428

1. AUSTRIAN DCM PLATTNER TOLD EMBOFF THAT ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM VIENNA HE CALLED AT CZECH MFA OCT 3 TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS CONCERNING RUDE PRAVO SUMMARY OF VOLKSSTIMME ARTICLE:

(1) THAT KOENIGSWARTE INSTALLATION IS NORMAL RADAR FACILITY OF THE TYPE EVERY COUNTRY HAS TO MONITOR OUTSIDE AIRSPACE. (2) THERE WAS NOT TRUTH TO THE ALLEGATION THAT AUSTRIA WAS COOPERATING WITH THE U.S. OR THE FRG. (3) THAT THE GOA HOPED THAT THE CZECHS WOULD DISCONTINUE PRINTING SUCH NONSENSE.

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2. THE MFA OFFICIAL SAID MERELY THAT IT WAS NOT UNUYOAL
EFOR CZECH MEDIA TO PICK UP J
TICLES FROM FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS
AND THAT THE GOC HAD NO WAY OF CONTROLLING SUCH PRACTICES.

3. PLATTNER ADDED THAT SAME MESSAGE INFORMALLY GIVEN TO
CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR IN VIENNA BY FOREIGN MINISTER.
PLATTNER EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT
RESPONDED AT ALL TO THE VOLKSSTIMME ARTICLE AND CONCLUDED
THAT IN VIEW OF MILD MFA RESPONSE CZECHS NOT LIKELY PURSUE
THE MATTER FURTHER.
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